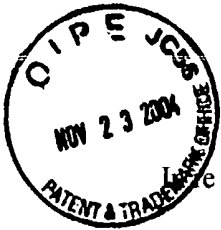


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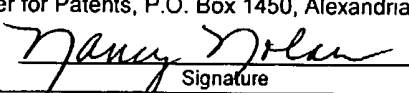
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The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004 for which the two-month date for response is December 6, 2004.

As Applicants have filed a timely response, no fees are believed to be due. However, should the Commissioner determine that any fee or extension of time is necessary regarding this application, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee from Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 11836.0677.PCUS00.